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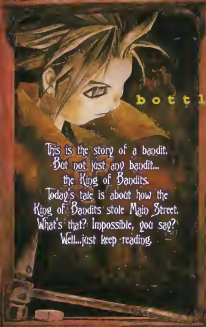
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This is the story of a bandit.
But not just any bandit...
the King of Bandits.
Today's tale is about how the
King of Bandits stole Main Street.
What's that? Impossible, you say?
Well...just keep reading.

K i N G o f B A N D i T j i N G

楽園のごどもたち前編



1st shot

Les enfants du paradis #1
(The Children of Paradise - Part 1)

All that glitters...
Even the stars
All things precious...
Even your life

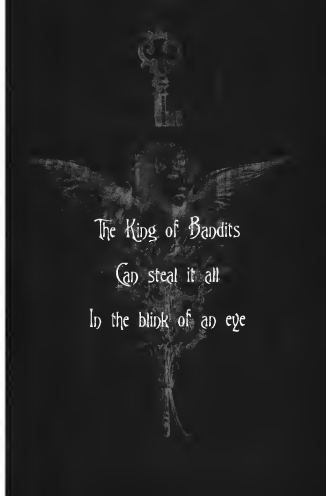


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The King of Bandits

Can steal it all

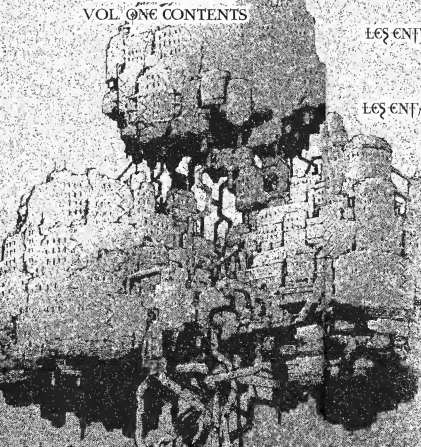
In the blink of an eye



JING: KING OF BANDITS

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Once upon a midnight dreary, a thief named Jinx was weak and weary.
Among strange and forgotten lands he did traverse and explore,
His companion was a bird named Kix, his black wings a-flapping.
While Jinx nodded, nearly dozing, Kix saw booty gleaming.
"Wake up, Jinx," Kix muttered, "all around us is loot galore."
Treasure from cities he heard!

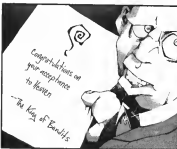
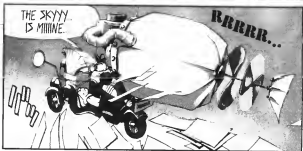
Then, this ebony bird's wings, sent Jinx's sad face into smiling,
For Jinx could steal the stars from the sky, thereby he truly did adore.
The albatross set proudly on Jinx's placid back, his beady eyes did explore,
One more thing Kix did utter, his feathers all a-groove flatter, his voice a roar:
"Quickly the albatross, 'Let's steal some more!'"

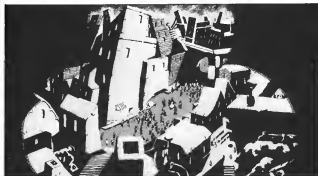
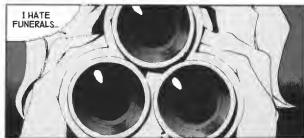


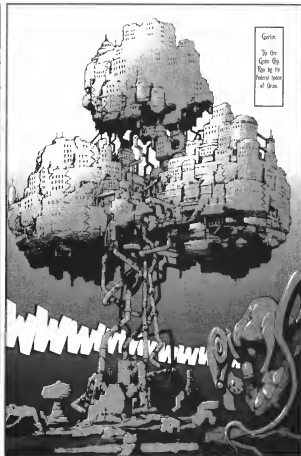


SHUT UP!!
STOP
LAUGHING!!!!











TAP
TAP
TAP



...WE'RE GIVIN' YEH
ONE CHANCE TO
REG DA' RAWSS
FOR MERCY.



AWRIGHT,
KID...



I AMT INTO
COLLECTIN' COMBOS
OF MY OWN KIND!



BUT--JING--DID WE
REALLY COME ALL THIS
WAY TO STEAL A
FOSILIZED EGG?



OF
COURSE
NOT, KIR...
SOMETHING
MUCH
GREATER IS
IN STORE.



HELLO?
HELLO?



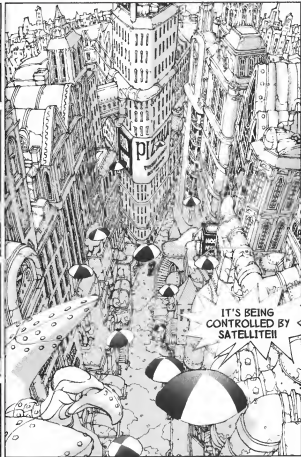












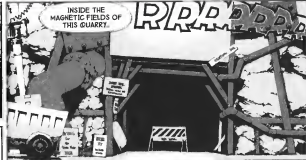
IT'S SAID THAT INSIDE THAT CASTLE IS A SUPER-RARE ORE PHONE THAT PRODUCES ENOUGH ELECTRIC WAVES TO REACH THE STARS...

THEY CALL IT OPHONEUCHUS... THE "SERPENT HOLDER'S HOTLINE."



INSIDE THE MAGNETIC FIELDS OF THIS QUARRY...

RRRRRRRR



AND THEY SAY THE AMOUNT OF ORE USED TO POWER THAT PHONE...



DAMN IT!

BY THE WAY, I THINK I KNOW WHAT YOU'RE AFTER.

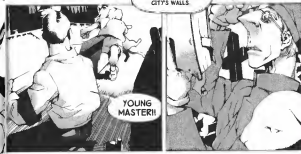
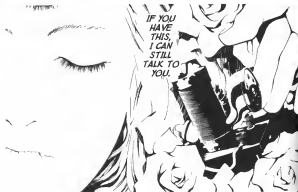
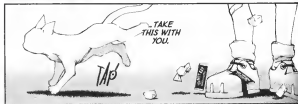
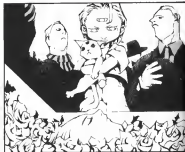






IT'S ORZO.
PLEASE ANSWER
ME, MOTHER...











THE SURFACE IS
TOO BRIGHT!



WE ARE BORN
TO DARKNESS.
WE LIVE AND DIE
HERE.

IT'S FAR
TOO BRIGHT.

THE LIGHT OF
THE SURFACE IS
MUCH TOO HARSH.

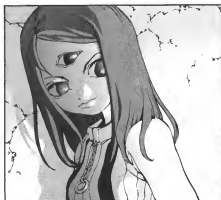
WE ARE PIECES OF
MOON THAT HAVE
FALLEN TO EARTH.

JUST AS THE
MOON CANNOT
EXIST IN THE
DAYTIME...

...WE CANNOT
EXIST BENEATH
THE SUN.



THEN, YOU'VE BEEN
MINING OUT DOWN
HERE ALL YOUR LIVES!



ONCE WE EMERGE
FROM THE WOMB...ALL
THAT AWAITS US IS
MORE DARKNESS.

IT IS THE ONLY
LIFE GOD
ALLOWS US.



AHHHH!

HEY HEY! WANNA COME
OUT HERE WITH ME?
CATCH SOME RAYS?



IS THAT HOW YOU
GUYS DO IT? I WAS
BORN SHINING!



IT'S LIKE
THEY'RE STUCK
IN HELL...







BANG
BANG!



BUT SEE
HERE, KIR...



...I MAY BE KINDA HUNG
UP ON MY MOM, BUT
THESE GUYS ARE
MUCH WORSE!

AFTER ALL...



!!?

VMP

GUH!



JING, THIS IS NO
TIME TO ACT LIKE AN
ANGEL!

YOU MAY WANT
TO VISIT YOUR
MOM IN HEAVEN



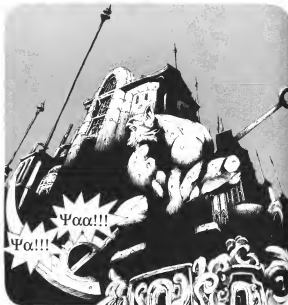
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THE CHERUB!!!

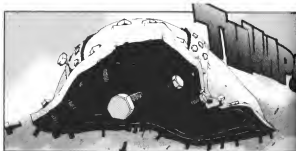
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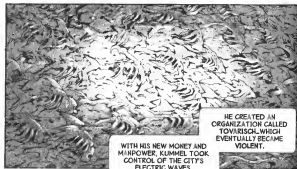
BUT AT PRESENT, I
HAVE NO DESIRE TO

NEITHER DO I!









HE CREATED AN ORGANIZATION CALLED TOVARISCH, WHICH EVENTUALLY BECAME VIOLENT.

WITH HIS NEW MONEY AND MANPOWER, KUMMEL TOOK CONTROL OF THE CITY'S ELECTRIC WAVES.



AND AFTER THAT... THIS CITY'S BEAUTIFUL MAIN STREET...



...TURNED INTO SUCH AN UGLY PLACE, IT WAS RENAMED CRIME STREET.

WHOA.

BUT THAT'S



-I JUST CAN'T STAY DEAD, CAN I?



IT ALL STARTED WHEN KUMMEL BECAME THE BOSS.



WHEN KUMMEL DIED,
HE MOVED ON TO THE
AFTERLIFE...



...BUT WE DON'T GET
THAT LUXURY. WE
MINERS ARE BORN
FROM THE STONES, AND
WE DIE IN THE STONES.



"IN CZARINE, THERE ARE
THIRTEEN TYPES OF
MINERALS. THE FIRST IS
QUARTZ...



THERE'S AN OLD
SAYING ABOUT
SLEDGEHAMMER...



YEAH, YEAH—WE WERE
AT HIS FUNERAL!

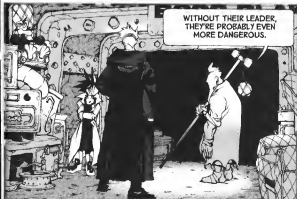


WELL...THAT
KUMMEL GEEZER
IS IN A CASKET
NOW...RIGHT?

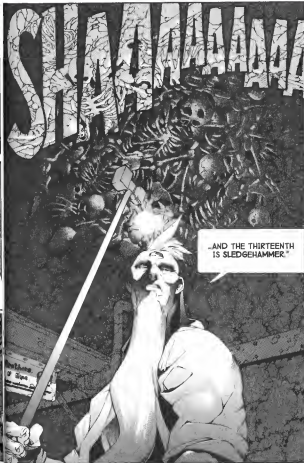
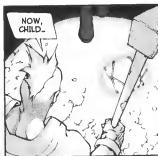


NO...

...EVEN IF KUMMEL IS
DEAD, TOVARISCH ISN'T.



WITHOUT THEIR LEADER,
THEY'RE PROBABLY EVEN
MORE DANGEROUS.

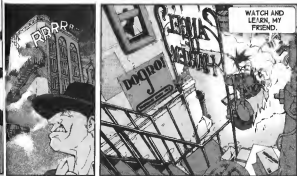














WHY AM I
SO ALONE?



TO THE FUNERAL OF A
WILTING LEAF, TWO SNAILS
DEPART IN A TRAIL OF SLIME.

TO ALL MY FRIENDS WHO'VE DARED
TO LIVE THROUGHOUT THESE
TROUBLED, TROUBLED TIMES.

THE EARTH ROLLS ON, IT ROLLS
ALONG THROUGHOUT ITS FOUR
MAJESTIC SEASONS.



THE DONKEY, THE KING AND
I ARE GONE FOR TOMORROW.
WE'LL ALL BE DEAD.

KING'S OTHER KNITS AS HER SON
KINGS OFF TO FIGHT A WAVE
WITHOUT A REASON.

THE DONKEY IS HUNGRY,
THE KING IS BORED AND
I'M IN LOVE WITH A GIRL

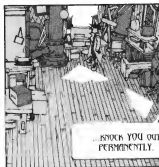
NAMED FRED.



...SO
WHY AM
I SO
ALONE?

VOICES
FROM
ALL OVER
THE
WORLD
REACH
THIS
ROOM.

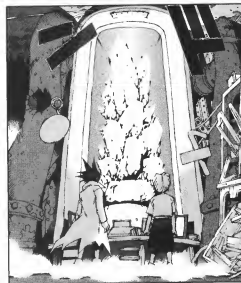
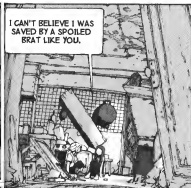








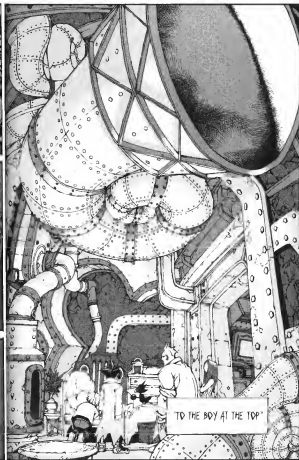





The Earth can be
beautiful now and
again.

WHAT...?
WHAT'S THIS?







YOU CAN USE MY TOP EYE
AS MUCH AS YOU WANT.



HEY--DON'T
INSULT MY
GUESTS!



I KNEW YOU WERE
TEACHING HER TO
WRITE...BUT I DIDN'T
KNOW SHE WAS
SENDING LETTERS!

IF I KNEW SHE WAS
SENDING THEM TO
HIM, I WOULDN'T
HAVE TAUGHT HER.



OH, YEAH--
THERE'S A
CAKE!!

WHAT
KIND OF
CAKE
IS IT,
ORZO?



HUH...? WHERE'D
HE GO?



NO PROBLEM.



...would soon
be regained...

For the Majo Street
on which Jing
appeared and
vanished...

But...what's that?
He didn't steal
the street, you
say? Well, keep
reading.

Yes...that's
what Jing was
after this time.

WHAT'S THAT? WHO'S
THE PRETTY LADY?
WHAT'S GOIN' ON,
JING?





Rue de Jing..
"King of Crime Street."

THE LEADER OF THIS
GANG CALLS HIMSELF
THE KING OF BANDITS.

...CALLS HIMSELF
THE KING OF
BANDITS.

OF BANDITS.

OFFICIAL
WARNING FROM
THE SHINKU!!

REPEAT--OFFICIAL
WARNING FROM THE
SHINKU!!

A GANG OF
BANDITS HAS
ENTERED
RUSTY NAIL!!

THIS GANG HAS
ALREADY TAKEN A
FORTUNE OUT OF
BONE MARROW BANK...





OH..HELLO!



?!



...AND IS STILL AT LARGE!!



THANKS FOR COMING--
I WAS JUST ABOUT TO
CLOSE UP SHOP! COOL
SHOES, BY THE WAY.

SO WHAT'S ALL THE
FUSS ABOUT TODAY,
ANYWAY? DO YOU
KNOW?



Mister...?



THE KING OF
SANDETS IS
STILL ON THE
LOOSE!!

NO BUSINESS
FOR ME TODAY, I
GUESS.



SHEESH..WHEN THE
LYMPH DEMONS
SCREAM, EVERYONE
HIDES UNDER THEIR
BEDS..

The Saga of Rusty Nail-Home of the Holy Brain

3rd Shot - The Patchwork City





THOUGH LATELY, IT HAS
FOUND A PURPOSE
FOR THOSE SEEKING
TREASURE.

PRETTY SAD NAME, HUH?
NOTHING LIKE A CITY
THAT'S USELESS, YET
HARD TO PULL OUT!

YEAH.



SOL CITY
WATER
JUST
WALL
BT



WELL, IF IT'S A
NEST YOU WANT...
LOOK UP.



ANY, CHON JUNG
MONEY AINT ENOUGH
LOVE, MAN--GIVE ME
LOVE!

LOVE SENDING ENOUGH
TO MAKE ME WANT TO
BUILD A NEST.



M-MISTER, ARE
YOU THE ONE
THEY'RE AFTER..?

THANKS, KIDI
HERE..



THERE!! THERE
HE IS!!!

THE KING OF
BANDIT'S IS
HERE!!!



THIS OUGHTA
KEEP YOU QUIET,
RIGHT?



!!





AND WE'LL END UP
AS MORE TRASH IN
THIS STINKIN' HOLE



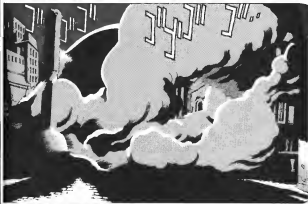
IT'S LIKE A BAD SPELL
CONVENTION GAME HERE
AND DEAD

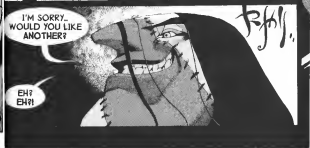


WELL, THEY DON'T
CALL IT A SEWER
SYSTEM FOR NOTHING

I'M TELLIN' YA, JING THIS
SPELL'S GONNA KILL US











CONTAIN THE
TARGETS FIRST.



YOU CAN KILL THEM
AFTER THAT.

TAKE THEM
TO THE
HOLDING
CELL!



STOP!!!

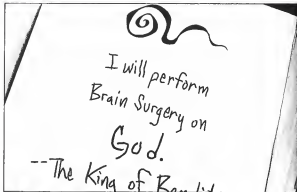
AN EXPLOSION
HERE WOULD PUT
TOO MUCH STRAIN
ON THE SHINKU.







WHAT IS THIS?!!



I will perform
Brain Surgery on
God.

--The King of Bandits



THE KING OF BANDITS?!!

Ouch!



WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT? THIS IS THE FIRST TIME I'VE PICKED YOU UP TODAY.

BUT...



HAVEN'T YOU ALREADY WRITTEN IN YOUR DIARY TODAY?

SIR...?

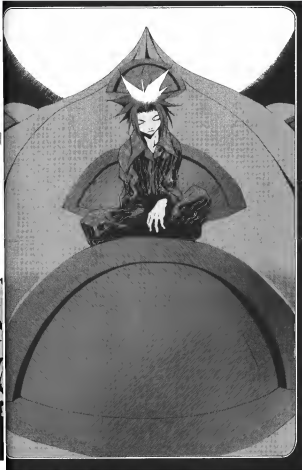


...EARLIER...
SOMEONE...

4th Shot - God's Brain

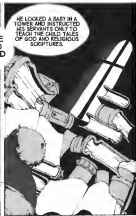
LATER
YOUNGSTERS!

"TO MASTER
PHILOSOPHY IS
TO LEARN WHAT
DEATH IS."





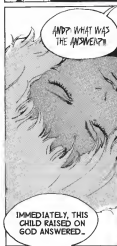
EVENTUALLY, THE
BABY GREW INTO
A MAN POSSESSED
BY GOD.



HE LOOKED A BABY IN A
TOWER AND INSTRUCTED
HIS SERVANTS ONLY TO
TEACH THE CHILD TALES
OF GOD AND RELIGIOUS
SCRIPTURES.



SO WHAT'S THIS
GOD'S BRAIN? JING?



AND? WHAT WAS
THE ANSWER??

IMMEDIATELY, THIS
CHILD RAISED ON
GOD ANSWERED...



THEN ONE
DAY, THE KING
FINALLY ASKED
THE MAN
THE ETERNAL
QUESTION:
"DOES GOD
EXIST?"



HE DID HAVE A
STOMACH... WHEN
HE WAS HUMAN.



IF THERE'S A HUMAN DOES THAT
MEAN THERE'S A STOMACH?
TODD I DON'T THINK SO WHAT
TO SEE A HUMAN GOD

BY THE WAY



YOU SEE, LONG AGO
THERE WAS A KING
OBSESSED WITH THE
QUESTION, "DOES
GOD EXIST?"

SO TO ANSWER THIS
QUESTION ONCE AND
FOR ALL, HE DECIDED
TO CREATE THE
"ULTIMATE HUMAN."

...LEAVING
BEHIND A BRAIN
STUFFED WITH
WISDOM...

THE MAN WHO BECAME
GOD EVENTUALLY
SETTLED IN RUSTY
NAIL, UNTIL HIS BODY
GAVE OUT...



YES!! GOD
DOES EXIST!
FOR I AM
GOD...I AM
ALL-KNOWING,
ALL-POWERFUL
GOD!



HO—
HO—



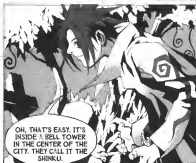
...AND THE
NAME HE GAVE
HIMSELF.

A NAME SO
LONG THAT THE
PEOPLE BELOW
HIM...











BUT FIRST
THINGS FIRST--
TIME TO DIE!!!



I'VE GOT A
REAL NICE
SPOT RIGHT
HERE...AND I'LL
THROW IN THIS
COFFIN, FREE
OF CHARGE!



THOUGH WE
CAN'T PROMISE
YOU ANY FLOWERS..



PROFESSOR URYU
SAID TO CAPTURE
HIM ALIVE!!

BUT IT'S UP TO
ME WHETHER HE
LIVES OR DIES!



AND IF YOU
REALLY WISH TO
DIE, JING...

If God had eyes...



...it would give us life,
guide and protect us.

The sun itself could be
God's eye... Eh?!!



...I'M READY
TO DANCE IN
A PUDDLE OF
YOUR BLOOD.











A PICTURE
OF MY
MOTHER.



Image will Return to Volume 2



WHEN HE'S FINISHED
WITH YOU CAN I PLEASE
HAVE YOUR SKIN?

BEWARE JING! BLOODY
CAESAR WILL TEAR
YOU A PART!

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Volume 2 Preview



BUT BLOODY CAESAR...THEY
SAID HE WAS ACTUALLY MADE BY
BLENDING CORPSES OF EVERY
BLOOD TYPE TOGETHER!



JOKE ABOUT IT
IF YOU LIKE, BUT IF
YOU DON'T TAKE HIM
SERIOUSLY, THERE'LL BE
A BLOODBATH.



MAYBE THAT EXPLAINS
WHY HIS PERSONALITY IS
SO PLASTIC...OR WOULD
THAT JUST MAKE HIM
PREDOMINANTLY BLOOD
TYPE A?

Resty Nell is a city with an unusual motto: Give me your head, your hair, your nose, your extra body parts! It's a town that specializes in providing spare limbs to those in need.

Resty Nell's biggest patron is the mercenary Bloody Caesar, a creature composed of more than 30 different people...with many left over for a bit of Jing!



WHAT'S That GAME

**ALL ABOUT
THE GAME
BOY GAME
VERSION OF
JING: KING OF
BANDITS**

In Japan, a videogame version of *Jing King of Bandits* was released by Messiah on the Game Boy in 1999! Now, no fair!

They always get the coolest games in Japan, huh?

The game's plot is based on the very first 7 volumes of *Jing*. Many characters from the manga make an appearance in the game. In addition, there are over 200 original monster designs created by Yūki Kusunoki that can be found in the adventure! In this section, we'd like to show you a few concept sketches that were created during the game's design.

KING OF BANDITS JING angel/devil

THEY MOMENTARILY JOIN...

O P E N I N G



JING ← from RIGHT

The Jing that appears in the game looks very similar to the dog we know and love in the manga. During the game's intro, Jing appears from the right and Kir appears from the left. Then they perform an awesome Kir Royale!

THEY CHARGE UP...

KIR ROYAL!

from LEFT → KIR

ART FROM
THE GAME'S
INTRO

All the faces depicted in the game's "talking-windows" scenes were specially drawn. You can really see the Kamakura style, in even the goofy faces.



Basic Version of Jose.
He always has that confident look.



Devil Version of Jose.
His always looks relaxed...or drunk.



HEY! JUNG ARE WE BEING SENT TO HELL?
So is the King of Devils' clean criminal record coming to an end?

J I N G ~ & K I R

The game takes place in the world of *Aquavivae*—an original term for alchemy. When the story ends, Jose appears either in the City of Light as his "Angel Version" or the City of Gray as his "Devil Version," and leaves a warning as follows...



Angel Version
"EVEN GOD WILL BE
FOOLED...AQUAVITAE IS MINE!"

Devil Version
"HELL'S JUDGMENT DEPENDS ON
HOW MUCH MONEY YOU HAVE. I WILL
TAKE AQUAVITAE."





COLLECT THEM ALL!

But don't steal them like Jing.
Please, **BUY** them at a
retailer near you!



Was this your first foray into the world of Jing? Did he completely steal your heart? Well, you've come to the party late, my friend! Oodles of fans have already fueled their hunger for fixings by reading Jing's first series. That's right! There are 7 volumes of the previous *Jing: The King of Bandits* series just waiting to fall into your eager fingers!





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